

ARKANSAS
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



* Harvesting All Row Crops/Planting Wheat

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RELEASED: October 7, 2002 3:00 p.m.-Temperatures were above normal throughout the state with generally dry conditions. The exception to this was in the eastern and southern regions of the state, which were affected by the hurricane. According to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service there were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 7 percent very short, 31 percent short, 52 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus.

CROPS: All row crops are being harvested. Cotton harvest continues well behind normal because of wet cotton and wet fields. These almost weekly rains have several counties continuing to report boll rot. Harvest continues for apples. Winter wheat is being planted and field preparation continues.

LIVESTOCK: Cattle remain in good condition. Cattle are being worked and calves are being weaned and sold. Most producers are getting that one last hay cutting before winter. Dry conditions persist in the northern and western portions of the state where more pastureland exists.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %					Condition %				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM									
Mature	99	98	100	99					
Harvested	93	89	99	94					
CORN									
Harvested	97	92	100	99					
COTTON					2	8	21	58	11
Opening Bolls	97	94	99	95					
Harvested	18	6	39	38					
RICE									
Ripe	98	95	95	98*					
Harvested	82	70	92	87					
SOYBEANS					2	8	29	43	18
Yellowing	80	69	84	71					
Shedding	58	47	81	62					
Mature ¹	40	30	--	35					
Harvested	24	17	35	25					
WHEAT									
Planted	7	2	6	5					
Emerged	1	--	2	1					
OTHER HAY					5	13	39	37	6
PASTURE					8	21	43	26	2

¹ Previous year was not requested. The 5-year average is from 1996-2000.
* Rice ripe was not requested in 1999 at this point in the year; this is a four year average of 1997, 1998, 2000 and 2001.

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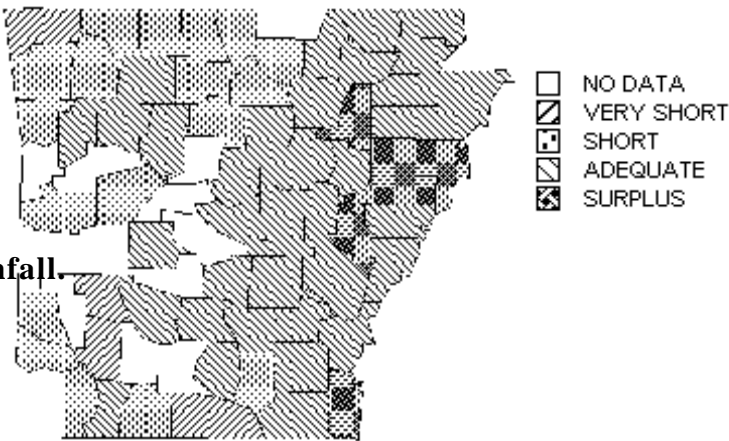
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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

October 6, 2002. Temperatures were above normal for the week. Rainfall was mostly limited to the southeast portion of the state. Texarkana recorded the high temperature of 97⁰ with Fayetteville recording the low temperature of 42⁰. Precipitation ranged from a high of 1.81 inches at Rohwer to many western locations reporting no measurable rainfall.



TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING: October 6, 2002

DISTRICT AND STATION	TEMPERATURES			RAINFALL				
	HIGH	LOW	DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	WEEK ENDING OCT 6	CURRENT OCT ACCUM.	OCT NORMAL	JANUARY-SEP	
							2002	NORMAL
1 Fayetteville	86	42	5	0.00	0.00	3.74	34.79	34.34
Harrison	88	44	6	0.01	0.01	3.50	38.10	33.11
2 Calico Rock	91	45	6	0.06	0.06	3.61	37.13	33.45
Greers Ferry	88	51	6	0.13	0.13	4.21	37.13	36.25
Mountain Home	90	46	8	0.00	0.00	3.14	40.08	32.84
3 Batesville	87	50	5	0.20	0.20	4.00	30.66	34.03
Jonesboro	89	53	6	0.12	0.12	3.89	28.50	33.02
Keiser	90	52	8	0.45	0.45	3.38	33.97	36.75
Newport	92	53	8	0.25	0.25	3.67	35.45	34.86
4 Booneville	89	50	6	0.00	0.00	3.90	40.79	34.54
Clarksville	89	54	8	0.00	0.00	4.13	42.26	33.41
Dardanelle	91	50	7	0.00	0.00	4.19	33.60	34.74
Ft. Smith	93	49	8	0.00	0.00	3.94	39.50	31.74
Mena	87	51	5	0.00	0.00	5.68	36.61	41.81
Ozark	89	51	6	0.01	0.01	3.91	45.84	32.33
5 Conway	90	53	5	0.10	0.10	4.03	32.49	34.61
Hot Springs	94	51	6	0.05	0.05	5.21	34.50	40.99
Little Rock	92	55	7	0.00	0.00	4.25	31.31	36.24
N Little Rock	91	54	6	0.29	0.29	3.81	28.18	35.11
6 Brinkley	89	56	7	0.50	0.50	3.58	30.33	36.10
Marianna	89	57	8	0.62	0.62	3.79	33.45	38.37
Stuttgart	91	56	7	0.93	0.93	3.83	38.66	38.66
7 Hope	93	57	6	0.00	0.00	4.54	36.24	39.00
Texarkana	97	59	7	0.00	0.00	3.87	27.52	33.34
8 Camden	94	58	7	0.32	0.32	4.42	35.56	38.32
El Dorado	90	61	7	0.64	0.64	4.33	34.73	40.18
Warren	89	57	7	0.00	0.00	4.53	34.01	40.39
9 Eudora	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.93	36.26	41.56
Pine Bluff	91	58	6	0.00	0.00	4.49	34.67	37.71
Rohwer	91	58	8	1.81	1.81	3.38	35.59	37.61